GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SWATANTRA SAINIK SAMMAN PENSION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any direction to the Governments of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Haryana, Goa, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh with regard to granting Central Pension to the Participants of 2nd Phase of Goa Liberation Movement (1945-55) by relaxing the eligibility criteria under Swatantra Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980;

(b) if so, whether orders are not applicable to the remaining State Governments including Kerala;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d): The Government has decided on 4.2.2003 to grant central pension to approximately 3500 participants of Phase II of Goa Liberation Movement (1954-55) from the State of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Goa by relaxing the eligibility criteria of the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980. At the time of taking the above decision, information that some freedom fighters from Kerala and other States had also participated in GLM Phase II and the State Governments had granted them pension, was not available/provided.Therefore, the benefit of pension could not be extended to such freedom fighters.